

# January 2, 2007 meeting minutes

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Commissioner Mtg. 1/2/07 @ 9:00 a.m. in County Commissioners Room

Those present:

Louis Linkel Thomas Wilson Eric Roberts Franklin County Chief Deputy Auditor: Veronica Voelker

\*Louis Linkel opens with pledge of allegiance

I. Election of President and Vice President of Commissioners

a. Thomas Wilson – makes a motion for Lou Linkel to be president

b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion

c. Louis Linkel – Tom Wilson will be the vice president

d. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion

II. Lawsuit filed by Commissioner Elect, Don Vonder Meulen against Clerk of Court, Marlene Flaspohler

a. Marlene Flaspohler – has spoken with legal counsel from Indianapolis and wants to know if she or the Commissioners have to sign the contract for legal fees

b. Thomas Wilson – who is paying for this?

c. Louis Linkel – the County.

d. Thomas Wilson – it's not coming from the election fund or anything?

e. Marlene Flaspohler – there is money in the election budget but we would have to make a line item for attorney fees?

f. Eric Roberts – we have to pay for the election board's attorney don't we?

g. Marlene Flaspohler – they are having a meeting Wednesday night but they haven't decided yet about legal counsel.

h. Thomas Wilson – makes a motion to allow Marlene Flaspohler to sign the contract with the attorney.

i. Marlene Flaspohler – will bring contract into Commissioners once received.

j. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion

k. Eric Roberts – all in favor

III. 2007 Appointments (yearly unless otherwise noted)

a. County attorney – Gene Stewart: commissioners ask Gene to be the county attorney again-motion

i. Gene Stewart – Happy to serve if you all will have me. Would you like for me here on Mondays?

ii. Eric Roberts – I would prefer you to.

iii. Gene Stewart – I think history has shown I am not needed the entirety of the meeting. In other counties the attorney comes in the beginning or the end. Do you want to try something out and see how it works?

iv. Eric Roberts – I would say the first part of the meeting. That way if we know of anything, it can be addressed and if anything comes up, you will be accessible.

v. Gene Stewart – I can touch base with Susan to get a heads up on anything that might be coming up.

vi. Thomas Wilson – motions to appoint Eugene Stewart

vii. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion

viii. Louis Linkel – all in favor

b. Area Plan Director

i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Larry Franzman

ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion

iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor

c. County Highway Engineer

i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint George Hartman

ii. Eric Roberts – Seconds the motion

iii. Thomas Wilson – All in favor

- d. Highway Foreman-District One
  - i. Eric Roberts – Motion to appoint Chester Ball
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Thomas Wilson – All in favor
- e. Highway Foreman-District Two
  - i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Brian DeFossett
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- f. Highway Foreman-District Three
  - i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Dennis Shell
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- g. Small Animal Control Officer
  - i. Eric Roberts – Motion to appoint Lou Fasbinder
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Louis Linkel – abstains
- h. Transfer Station Custodian
  - i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Dennis “Ray” Halpin
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- i. Veterans Service Coordinator
  - i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Donald Lee Mulvany
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- j. E-911 Coordinator
  - i. Eric Roberts – Motion to appoint Tracy Lightfield
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Louis Linkel – All in favor
- k. EMA Director
  - i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Ed Hollenbach
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- l. Alcoholic Beverage Board
  - i. Eric Roberts – Motion to appoint Ronald Cooper
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Louis Linkel – All in favor
- m. Southeastern Indiana Private Industry
  - i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Louis Linkel
  - ii. Eric Roberts – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Louis Linkel – All in favor
- n. Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
  - i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Larry Franzman and Susan Jones
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- o. Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District
  - i. Eric Roberts – Motion to appoint Tom Wilson
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Thomas Wilson – All in favor
- p. Regional Economic Development Commission and Local Economic Development Commission
  - i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Eric Roberts
  - ii. Louis Linkel – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
- q. Franklin County Health Officer (4-year term)

- i. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Dr. Michael Fain
- ii. Eric Roberts – Seconds the motion
- iii. Louis Linkel – All in favor
- r. Franklin County Health Board (4-year term)
  - i. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Lindsay Jackson
  - ii. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motion
  - iii. Eric Roberts – All in favor
  - iv. Louis Linkel – Motion to appoint Brenda Williams
  - v. Thomas Wilson – Seconds the motions
  - vi. Eric Roberts – All in Favor
- s. Franklin County Convention, Recreation, and Visitor Commission (2-year term)
  - i. Lodging Representative
    - 1. Thomas Wilson – Motion to appoint Natasha Kellerman
    - 2. Eric Roberts – Seconds the motion
    - 3. Louis Linkel – All in favor
  - ii. Metamora Representative (vacant)
  - iii. Restaurant Representative (vacant)
- t. Area of Responsibility
  - i. Transfer Station/Recycling Center/Gravel Pit/Government Center
    - 1. Louis Linkel motion to appoint Thomas Wilson
    - 2. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
    - 3. Thomas Wilson all in favor
  - ii. Courthouse/Jail/E-911/Communication/Annexes
    - 1. Louis Linkel motion to appoint Eric Roberts
    - 2. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
    - 3. Thomas Wilson all in favor
  - iii. Highway/Senior Citizens/Public Transportation
    - 1. Thomas Wilson motion to appoint Louis Linkel
    - 2. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
    - 3. Louis Linkel all in favor
  - iv. Cemetery Commission
    - 1. Louis Linkel motion to appoint Ed Baker
    - 2. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
    - 3. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- IV. Amended the appointment term of Cemetery Commission
  - a. Louis Linkel motion to change term limits from four year to five year for board members (per I.C. statute)
  - b. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- V. Treasurers report- Nov 2006
  - a. Thomas Wilson – Did they figure it out?
  - b. Susan Jones – They did figure it out. It is balanced except for the phone bill.
  - c. Thomas Wilson – Gene, how do you think we should get that back from Verizon?
  - d. Gene Stewart – We may have to file a small claim. Is this the same matter that I have had letters from?
  - e. Susan Jones – Becky (Oglesby) and Carol (Monroe) have been working on this. It was deducted automatically out of the checking account and it should have never happened.
  - f. Gene Stewart – If you will give me the account statement, I will send them a letter making a payment demand and if they don't do it we'll file a small claim.
  - g. Susan Jones – Veronica can you get that to Gene?
  - h. Veronica Voelker – Yes, you will have to talk to Sandy (Hill) for the account statement.

- i. Thomas Wilson – motions to acknowledge we have the treasurer's report
- j. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion
- k. Eric Roberts- all in favor
- VI. Health insurance Claims
  - a. Thomas Wilson – motions to approve
  - b. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion
  - c. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- VII. Minutes
  - a. Thomas Wilson – questions minutes
  - b. Veronica Voelker – Carol (Monroe) wants to look at them first
  - c. Louis Linkel- We don't have any minutes yet. We're behind three sets.
  - d. Thomas Wilson- By our next meeting we need to have the minutes.
- VIII. Awarded bid to Southeastern for Distributor
  - a. Louis Linkel – makes a motion to award the bid to Southeastern Equipment Company of Indianapolis \$151,950.00.
  - b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
  - c. Eric Roberts – all in favor
- IX. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman
  - a. Bridge #17/Laurel Road over West Fork of Whitewater River
    - i. Five span precast concrete I-Beam structure
    - ii. Overall condition of pier 2 and 3 (located in water) were in good condition
  - b. Bridge #46/Silver Creek Road over Pipe Creek
    - i. The structure is box beam supported by one of the bent and bents are concrete cap by the timber piles
    - ii. Beams 2,3, and 4 were in overall satisfactory condition above and below the water line
    - iii. Overall bridge condition serious due to deficiencies at abutment five
  - c. Bridge #55/Blue Creek Road over the Whitewater River
    - i. Could not do it last year, recommend we do it this year
    - ii. Overall piers 2,3, and 4 were reported in good condition above and below the water lines
  - d. Bridge #56/St. Mary's Road over the West Fork of Whitewater River
    - i. Eight span continuous concrete I-beam structure supported by two end bents and seven intermediate piers
    - ii. Channel approximately one hundred-fifty feet wide at the bridge with maximum depth of 40 feet at pier five
    - iii. Overall piers in good condition
  - e. Bridge #144/Fairfield Causeway over Brookville Reservoir
    - i. Five span steel girder structure supported by two abutments and four intermediate piers
    - ii. Pier 2 and 3 supported and both abutments supported by spread footings
  - f. Bridge #164/Vine Street over Harvey Branch in Oldenburg
    - i. Spoke to Chad Lynch from O'Mara this morning; they are going with a new fabricator for the bridge rail.
    - ii. He'll know more about the completion by the end of the week.
  - g. Bridge #38/St. Mary's Road over Wolf Creek
    - i. Preliminary Engineering will proceed to develop contracts plans
    - ii. Surveyors office located the Hoosiers Hills water line on the site plan
- X. Brook Hills Estates – to start 1-year warranty period for road to be incorporated into county highway system
  - a. Larry Franzman – Kenny was going to get with Rohe. The road is trying to break down in areas. Discusses situation with Commissioners.
- XI. Covey Trace Lane –Letter from Dave Siefferman to start 1 year warranty period for road to be incorporated into county highway system
  - a. Louis Linkel motions to start one year warranty period

- b. Eric Roberts – objects, don't want any more roads
- c. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion

XII. Payroll

- a. Thomas Wilson – the salary ordinance is wrong; it is screwed up. Motion approve payroll, Rick Gill need to sign payroll voucher
- b. Louis Linkel seconds the motion
- c. Eric Roberts- all in favor

XIII. Quotes on names tags and security light for outside

- a. Commissioners review and request quote

XIV. Adjourn

- a. Louis Linkel – motion to adjourn
- b. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
- c. Eric Roberts all in favor

Those also present:

Susan Jones, Secretary Don Vonder Meulen Tracy Littlefield Joe Gillespie Dale Maxie Marlene Flaspohler

John Worth Gene Stewart George Hartman, Highway Engineer John Estridge, Whitewater Publications

Dennis Kolb Joe Gillespie, Jr. R. George Gillman Larry Franzman

Approved 01/16/07

# January 8, 2007 meeting minutes

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Commissioner Mtg. 1/8/07 @ 9:00 a.m. in County Commissioners Room

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## I. Conseco Insurance

a. Jay Snyder – would like to come February 7 (2007) if that is o.k. with Marilyn (Miller, Deputy Auditor)

b. Louis Linkel – requests the highway be talked to early in the morning

## II. 2007 Treasurers Investments and Bank Accounts

a. Rebecca Oglesby – the three million from Bath State Bank was cashed in anticipating settlement. You have a new guy here, do you have any questions?

b. Eric Roberts – will have more questions when I understand it a little bit

c. Rebecca Oglesby – can only invest in our local banks and are limited. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

## III. EPA Update

a. Gene Stewart – Carol (Monroe) and I had a teleconference and we provided them with more documents (believes it is the same information but the person who received it could not decipher them)

## IV. Weight limit on Elm Tree Road

a. Eric Roberts questions legality of putting a weight limit on road

b. Gene Stewart – thought maybe a few years ago we did an ordinance (county wide) on this. Maybe we didn't do anything with it.

Recalls, it didn't go anywhere because we cannot be uniform across the county.

c. Eric Roberts – would be hard for agriculture.

d. Thomas Wilson – we came to the conclusion that as long as they are paying road fuel tax there is nothing we can do. Maybe we can do seasonal. Checked with farmers and they said farm equipment is exempt. Thanks gene for coming in.

## V. Brackney Ditch

a. Joe Gillespie – put together a packet last week and have estimated this work is going to cost around \$30,000.00. (see attached) There is about 500 left in maintenance. Agree with David Kolb that Mike Condo needs to put in a lateral.

b. Carol L. Monroe – did Mike (Condo) agree to do that?

c. Joe Gillespie – yes. As soon as the ground is dry/firm. Everyone was in agreement with the assessment, but when they see the sticker-

## VI. Wehr Ditch

a. Joe Gillespie – David Kolb cornered me and I told him I would go ahead and do that. We have been replacing sections. Tim said if the \$14,100.00 doesn't cover it then he would carry that until we get an assessment.

## VII. Andersonville

a. Joe Gillespie – the grant writers have asked for a mailing and we put that together last week

## VIII. Minutes (December 11, 18, 26, 2006)

a. Louis Linkel – motion to approve minutes with correction to December 26 minutes

b. Carol L. Monroe – (I) Will reprint them

c. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion

d. Thomas Wilson – all in favor

## IX. E-911 Radio System Upgrade

a. Tracy Lightfield – the consoles are failing. Last year we had seventeen service calls and the year

before we had twenty-six. In the last seven days there has been three incidences that dispatch could not hear the deputy. We need to replace what we have let alone doing the upgrade. The state spent millions putting in the 800 system.

- b. Thomas Wilson – what seems to be the problem with the radios?
- c. Tracy Lightfield – when they were installed they were not the right kind of radio. When they go out it is losing the programming.
- d. Louis Linkel – I am sure it is needed
- e. Eric Roberts – what is your financing options
- f. Marc Baumhardt – I can get you a figure on some lease rates.
- g. Tracy Lightfield – my main concern is for the responders. You cannot put a price on anyone's life or property. Last year when I talked to Bob (Brack) he stated we had to wait until the center is paid off.
- h. Thomas Wilson – we can't pay for it out of 911 because we are paying salaries out of it. If we come up with the money how long will it last
- i. Marc Baumhardt – pretty long.
- j. Thomas Wilson – everything will have a warranty for how long?
- k. Marc Baumhardt – three years total (consol 1 year)
- l. Thomas Wilson – during that time you will be servicing it if something goes wrong?
- m. Marc Baumhardt – that would be a maintenance agreement. The factory warranty does not include someone from factory coming out.
- n. Lee Kissell – on the consoles there are spare boards
- o. Thomas Wilson – so there will not be any down time
- p. Lee Kissell – the newer equipment seems to last a little longer. Other than a pc replacement once in a while
- q. Thomas Wilson – in five years when technology changes are these upgradeable
- r. Lee Kissell- the pc base now is much easier to upgrade.
- s. Louis Linkel – if you could get us an up to date lease

X. Covey Trace Subdivision

- a. Larry Franzman – Chester (Ball, Foreman) received a threatening email. James and Kim Buyer wanting to move into Covey Trace subdivision. The Buyers (property owners) sent a fax to Hollie Sintz this morning saying they are going to see legal action. Reviews all documentation with commissioners showing all proof of county following guidelines. I am looking for direction from you on how to proceed.
- b. Louis Linkel – if Chester says it needs a pipe, then it needs one. We will just have to stand our ground.
- c. Larry Franzman – it is plain as day. (flip tape one)
- d. Chester Ball – only asking for a twelve inch pipe. A lot of people don't have pipes that should have. They don't need one on the top of the hill (Covey Trace)
- e. Larry Franzman – it makes Chester's job harder with him also trying to do road work. He has been out there twice. It is still gravel drive
- f. (later in meeting)
- g. Chester Ball – talked to contractor and he stated he had told the property owner she needed a pipe and I will be meeting with him later today

XI. Permit for Metamora-Patricia Edington

- a. Larry Franzman – Patricia Edington came to me asking to add on to her residence. What she would like to do-she has an existing



porch slab and wanting to add a little more to that and enclose it. I told here in most cases we have drawings, but she does not have drawings because she wanted to know if she could go ahead if it was ok. The only thing you would be able to see is the side. This would be a sunroom (shingled or metal).

b. Louis Linkel – the way it stand at Metamora

c. Larry Franzman – she just came to me Thursday and wanted to know if she could proceed further.

d. Thomas Wilson – what do you plan on building the sunroom out of.

e. Patricia Edington – we would try and match it to the house

f. Larry Franzman – she is adding on, she is wanting to preserve the structure

g. Patricia Edington – don't believe it in on the historical register since there were bay windows.

h. Larry Franzman – as far as zoning goes it would not be a problem.

i. Thomas Wilson – I don't have no problem

j. Larry Franzman – would you prefer drawings this summer before I issue permit?

k. Commissioners – yes

XII. Bond for County Recorder

a. Mary Seufert – presents bond for approval

b. Louis Linkel – motion to approve

c. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion

d. Eric Roberts – all in favor

XIII. Weekly Highway Engineer Report, George Hartman

a. Brookhill Subdivision

i. Areas in pavement-depressions in pavement

ii. Larry Franzman – found four areas of failure and brought it to Kenny's attention and we indicated that until that is taken care

of we won't start the one year (probation). There is a driveway in the back that is ponding water and we told them to get a pipe

in there yesterday. It won't be much cost to George (Gillman)

b. Big Cedar

i. Completed large concrete wall

ii. Have been at least one vehicle that has went over

iii. Looking at a rail of just over 300 feet

1. good safety measure

2. there is enough room on the shoulder

3. somewhere in the order of \$1,200.00 if Commissioners want to give authority

iv. Chester Ball – we set blocks by Bridge #95. Don't know how many cars have went in. 300 foot for (used) guardrail \$700.00

and 50 post are \$500.00 and they supply bolts etc., the post are 6x6.

1. Thomas Wilson – don't see a problem as long as there is money

c. Bridge #48 / Pipe Creek Road Over Pipe Creek (alley ford steel truss)

i. Developed approach plan for both ends of bridge

1. may reduce length on west end

ii. in order to improve alignment on south end, it will be improved

iii. will save some area by reducing amount of cut, it won't be a major change

iv. 1989 there was work done on east abutment

d. Tee Hill Road Low Water Crossing over Sanes Creek – LA-0701

i. Section of slab broken off fairly recently

ii. See photo

iii. Thomas Wilson – when it rains as much as it hasiv.

Refers to bridge #110 for an example of a fix

1. Hollie Sintz does not see where there are funds to fix it

v. There are some beams (about 12inch deep) that we could maybe use

1. have not talked to Doug (foreman) about it.



- vi. Would require closing the road for a month
  - vii. Thomas Wilson – the section that is so bad, they busted it when they built their house
  - viii. If the opening is 20foot or greater then it becomes a bridge
  - ix. Thomas Wilson – lets put the beams in, it has to be better than what we got
  - e. Elm Tree Road from US 52 (Near Derbyshire Quarry)
    - i. Trucks out of Derbyshire are exceeding 16ton load limit
      - 1. see photo
    - ii. Louis Linkel – we talked to gene about it this morning
  - f. Annual Funding for Historic Covered Bridges
    - i. Louis Linkel motion to sign
    - ii. Thomas Wilson – seconds the motion
    - iii. Eric Roberts – all in favor
  - g. Bridge #10 / Duck Creek Road over Duck Creek
    - i. Friday Brent Roberts was down.
    - ii. Depends on what direction the commissioners would like to go (ex: federal)
      - 1. Thomas Wilson – we are talking four years minimum for federal
      - 2. if you went up stream you could make a nice crossing
      - 3. bridge would probably be 200 feet long with about 150 per square foot
        - a. looking at a 900thousand project
        - b. would need additional right of way needed
    - iii. there is still a little time for the fa33
    - iv. Eric Robert – Brent was going to get us an estimate, no since doing anything until he gets back with us
    - v. Louis Linkel – something needs to be done
    - vi. From a county standpoint you are taking a step forward
  - h. River Road/Long hollow road stop sign
    - i. Talked with Chester (Ball) and apparently there have never been stop signs on river road and asking commissioners if they would like to make this a 3 way stop
    - ii. Louis Linkel – have there been any problems
    - iii. Eric Roberts – there was a wreck a couple years ago
    - iv. Louis Linkel – if it is going to prevent an accident. Lets change it to an all-way stop
  - i. Hazard elimination safety
    - i. Talked last week with Steve Dilk with INDOT. The fact the only one supplier replied with a bid-also asked another county to fax their bids so that we may compare ours to theirs.
- XIV. Albert Accidil/dangerous conditions road on St. Mary's Road
- a. Albert Accidil – Hit almost two more times since December 31. in my opinion St. Mary's is out of control. Some kids think a license is a license to race. I was hit twice since I moved here in 200 and have been run off of the road four times. I live on the right of way past Shop Road. Have been trimming my yard. It is just seems to be out of control and believes 45 is much too high. You have trucks carrying blocks. That is too fast coming out of town; real sharp corners should be 20.25mph. thinks something needs to be done.
    - b. Thomas Wilson – if you put 30mph they are still going to run 50
  - c. Albert Accidil – was watching last night at 8:10 where a person had to pull over
  - d. Louis Linkel – we can ask for a little closer watch there. Let us talk to the sheriff department.
  - e. Albert Accidil – would like to see the speed limit lowered. A guard rail on St. Mary's Road would be more priority than that new bridge for four or five people
  - f. Thomas Wilson – when you put a new bridge there are regulations we have to follow.

- g. Louis Linkel – glad you came in and we will check it out.
- h. Albert Accidil – the roads have to get wider or the speed limit has to come down.
- i. Louis Linkel – we could have George (Hartman) do a study
- j. Thomas Wilson – but it will not slow them down

XV. Utility Claims

- a. Louis Linkel motion to approve
  - b. Eric Roberts – seconds the motion
  - c. Thomas Wilson – all in favor
- XVI. Letter for Postage Meter Rental with Hasler Inc.

- a. Thomas Wilson – motion to sign letter
- b. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
- c. Louis Linkel – all in favor
- d. Susan Jones – that is included in lease price

XVII. P.A. System (quote) flip tape 2

- a. Eric – move we go with this and change it to 4 lapel and 4 hand held which will change the price to 20.00 more
- b. Thomas Wilson seconds the motion
- c. Louis Linkel – all in favor

XVIII. Security light (quote)

- a. See attached
- b. Thomas Wilson = motion to take Ludwig
- c. Louis Linkel – seconds the motion
- d. Eric Roberts – all in favor

XIX. Flag pole at courthouse

- a. Susan Jones – something on top broke so the flags were on the ground this morning
- b. Louis Linkel – if it needs fixed

XX. Adjourn

- a. Louis Linkel motion to adjourn
- b. Eric Roberts seconds the motion
- c. Thomas Wilson all in favor

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